









## US Hopeful Of Solution To Japanese Crisis

Washington, Feb. 25. The U.S. State Department today was expecting fresh reports on the Japanese political crisis which has threatened to topple Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida's government from Mr. John Allison, the United States Ambassador to Tokyo.

The political situation, regarded by American officials as possibly settling serious and unexpected obstacles in the way of final ratification of the much sought military assistance agreement with Japan and other policies, had flared during Mr. Allison's absence from Tokyo.

But he returned there from Washington yesterday by air, after a week of talks here with the Eisenhower Administration leaders on Japanese economic, defence and political developments.

His mission to Washington was understood to have been concerned largely with details of the military assistance pact which would establish a programme substantially to expand and equip Japan's present security forces and assist in building its defence industries.

The State Department had adopted the attitude that the current crisis is a Japanese internal matter, and has not commented on it, but increasing apprehension has become evident over the possibility of the time table for the agreement now being upset and other Japanese American policies being affected.

Completion of the agreement had been expected within the next few weeks pending approval by the Japanese Diet.

### STILL HOPEFUL

Washington officials were still generally hopeful that the Yoshida government would not fall as a result of the charges of corruption brought against some of its high ranking members.

But new indications of a split between Mr. Yoshida's Liberal party and the Progressive party, whose 74 Parliament seats have enabled the Prime Minister to maintain his pro-Western leadership so far, were a cause of concern among Washington officials.

Officials said they believe that unless Mr. Yoshida had full support from his conservative forces, extreme difficulties would confront the military assistance pact when the government moved for its ratification.

Strong political pressure was already expected on two important aspects of the pact—those requiring Japan to enact measures to protect military secrets and to agree to restrictions on trade with the Soviet bloc nations. —China Mail

## The "Spitfire" Retires

London, Feb. 25. Supermarine Spitfires, Britain's most famed fighter planes in world war two, have now been officially retired after 15 years of front-line service.

Veterans of countless air battles, the piston-powered single-seater Spitfires have finally succumbed to the jet age.

The Air Ministry announced today the last operational squadron to fly Spitfires—a photographic reconnaissance unit in the Far East—had been re-equipped with Meteor jets. —Reuters.

## "Offshore Buying Plan May Die"

Result Of EDC Delays

New York, Feb. 24. Time magazine said today the European offshore procurement programme may die under the current Government economy drive and as a result of delays in ratifying the European Defence Community treaty.

The magazine said if the programme did die, the United States would have to seek other ways of arming Europe.

Noting that since its birth two years ago the programme had indirectly contributed enormously towards equipment for NATO forces, the magazine said:

"In the Administration's economy drive all foreign aid will suffer and OSP may be the first to go. . . . But the greatest threat to the programme comes from Europe. By act of Congress at least 50 per cent of all OSP funds must now go to a formal European defence community. . . . Europe has dragged its feet on EDC with the result that of the \$1,000,000,000 available for OSP in 1954 hardly any has been obligated. . . . If EDC fails through OSP may well die with it. And it might not be easy to devise a plan for arming Europe that combines military and economic benefits." —United Press.

### HOLLAND FIRST

Paris, Feb. 25. Holland today deposited her document of ratification of the European Army Treaty here, the first country to do so.

The Dutch Ambassador took the instrument, bearing Queen Juliana's signature, to the French Foreign Office as stipulated in the treaty.

France, Italy, Germany and the three Benelux countries signed the treaty nearly two years ago. —Reuters.

# WEST TO DISCUSS TRADE BAN Policy Towards Russia And Satellites

London, Feb. 25.

British, American and European officials will discuss shortly the East-West trade questions referred to by Sir Winston Churchill in his speech to the House of Commons yesterday on the Berlin conference, it was learned today.

Sir Winston made it clear in his speech that one proposal he had in mind was the re-definition of the term "strategic goods".

So far the move seems to be confined to Western trade with Russia and its European satellites. The question of trade with China, it is believed, will not be reviewed until after the Geneva Conference on Far Eastern affairs in April.

It is known Britain and, in particular, a number of Conservative Party MPs has been agitating for the "re-definition" of the term "strategic goods" because of the recent trade successes scored by Sweden and Switzerland which are not obliged to enforce any ban on trading with Iron Curtain countries.

East-West trade questions will be discussed particularly in the Paris group, authoritative sources said tonight.

This group consists of representatives of the Atlantic Treaty countries and includes Japan and West Germany.

It is an informal organisation meeting frequently to co-ordinate and unify such controls on exports of strategic goods as are necessary to safeguard the security of the member nations.

### UNCHANGED

For the time being, the British lists of goods for which export licences are granted or refused will remain unchanged.

In his speech to the House of Commons yesterday Sir Winston said:

"The more trade there is through the Iron Curtain and between Great Britain and Soviet Russia and the satellites the better will be the chance of getting together and increasing comfort."

"When there is so much prosperity for everybody round the corner and within our reach, it cannot do anything but good to interchange merchandise and services on an increasing scale."

### NOT MILITARY

He did not suggest at present there should be any traffic in military equipment, including certain machine tools.

But a substantial relaxation of the regulations affecting

manufactured goods and raw materials would undoubtedly be beneficial.

"We are examining these lists (of strategic goods banned to Russia) and will discuss them with our American friends," he said.

Sir Winston Churchill said he was speaking so far only of trade with Russia.

"We cannot relax in trade with China until a Korean or perhaps a wider Far Eastern peace is established. That is a prospect to which we hope the conference at Geneva will open the road," he added. —Reuters.

## Caterpillars And Cold Coffee Kept Him Alive



Jens Bjerre, the famous explorer and ace cameraman, who strived in London shortly aboard the liner "Himalaya" from Melbourne, Australia. During a recent nine-month expedition into the interior of New Guinea, Bjerre, a member of the Royal Geographical Society, was forced to eat caterpillars to keep alive, a diet only supplemented by cold coffee. Express Photo.

## Police Say: "Suicide Attempt"

## Doctor Says: "Dramatic Misunderstanding"

# Oscar Levant Swallows Embalming Fluid

Beverly Hills, Calif., Feb. 25.

The pianist-composer Oscar Levant was reported by the police today to have swallowed embalming fluid in a suicide attempt, but his doctor said "it's all a dramatic misunderstanding".

The police chief, C. H. Anderson, listed the incident as a possible attempted suicide because Levant's wife had left the pianist. He said Levant was saved by the quick action of a telephone operator who tipped the police after talking to Levant.

Dr. Morley Kert said: "The report that he (Levant) tried to kill himself is absolutely wrong. It's all been a misunderstanding. . . . I've been treating Levant for heart trouble since he had a heart attack a year and a half ago. He took the usual medications for heart trouble. He already had a lot of paralyde, which is a sedative, around the house."

"The police probably saw those bottles and misunderstood it to be formaldehyde. . . . Asked about the police report listing Levant as having swallowed two teaspoons of poison, Dr. Kert said, 'Two teaspoons of paralyde wouldn't kill anybody. He couldn't possibly have taken formaldehyde. There isn't any in the house.'"

LEVANT'S FRIEND Levant, who has acted in movies and was one of the closest friends of the late composer George Gershwin, was rushed to the Beverly Hills First Aid Hospital, where his stomach was pumped.

Anderson said quick action by a telephone operator, who

## Red Cross Study Centres

Geneva, Feb. 25.

International Junior Red Cross study centres will be held in mid-1954 in Luxembourg, Sweden and Turkey. A centre is also planned in Nicaragua, it was announced here.

The Swedish centre, to which 11 nations have been invited to send representatives, will be held between July 25 and August 6 at Flamsloot under the joint sponsorship of the four Nordic countries, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. —Reuters.

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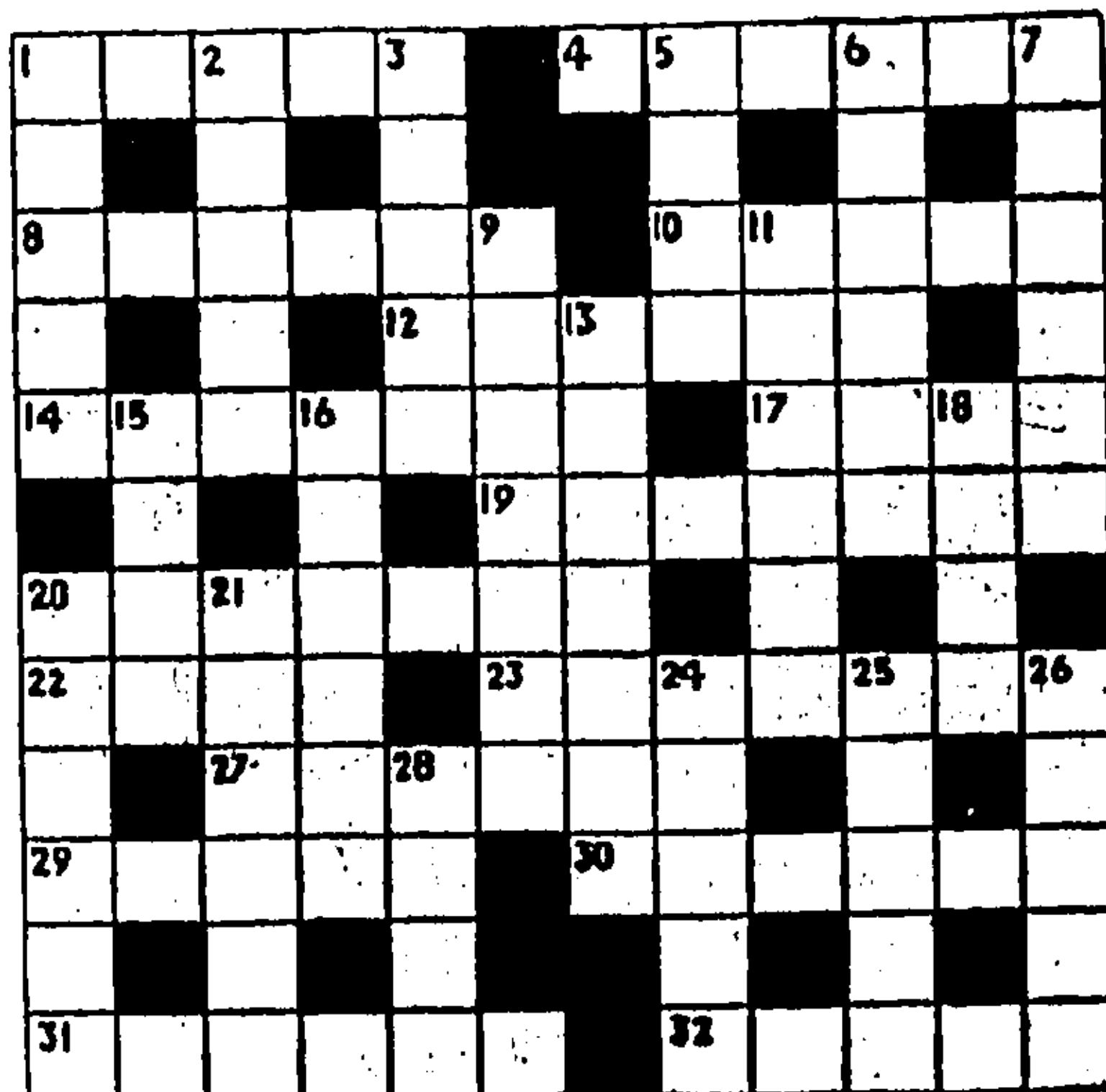


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## A British Crossword Puzzle



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- 4 Rascals (6).
- 8 Drooped (6).
- 10 On the move (6).
- 12 Meas (6).
- 14 Bullfighter (7).
- 17 Observe (4).
- 19 Piece of furniture (7).
- 20 Inferred (7).
- 22 Responsibility (4).
- 23 Choose (7).
- 27 Vegetate (6).
- 28 Bids (6).
- 30 Chisel (6).
- 31 Assail (6).
- 32 Fascination (6).

### DOWN

- 1 Broom (5).
- 2 Not heavy (5).
- 3 Produce (6).
- 5 Garment (4).
- 6 Head-nurse (6).
- 7 Thoroughfare (6).
- 9 See (7).
- 11 Aged (6).
- 13 Merchants (7).
- 15 Final word of a prayer (4).
- 16 Entertain (6).
- 18 Experiment (4).
- 21 Obstacle (6).
- 24 Bounds (6).
- 25 Pursue (6).
- 26 Bombard (5).
- 28 Change course (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3. Abolish, 5. Tool, 9. Resolute, 11. Nonsense, 13. Bear, 15. Mansion, 16. Competition, 19. Settling, 21. Surprised, 23. Released, 25. Beer, 27. Delicate, Down: 1. State, 2. Power, 4. Bear, 6. Trod, 8. Inure, 10. Secret, 12. Rascal, 14. Sable, 16. Advice, 18. Adorn, 20. Porce, 22. Named, 24. Sings, 26. Tiles, 28. Rail, 30. Veil, 32. Even, 34. Tart.



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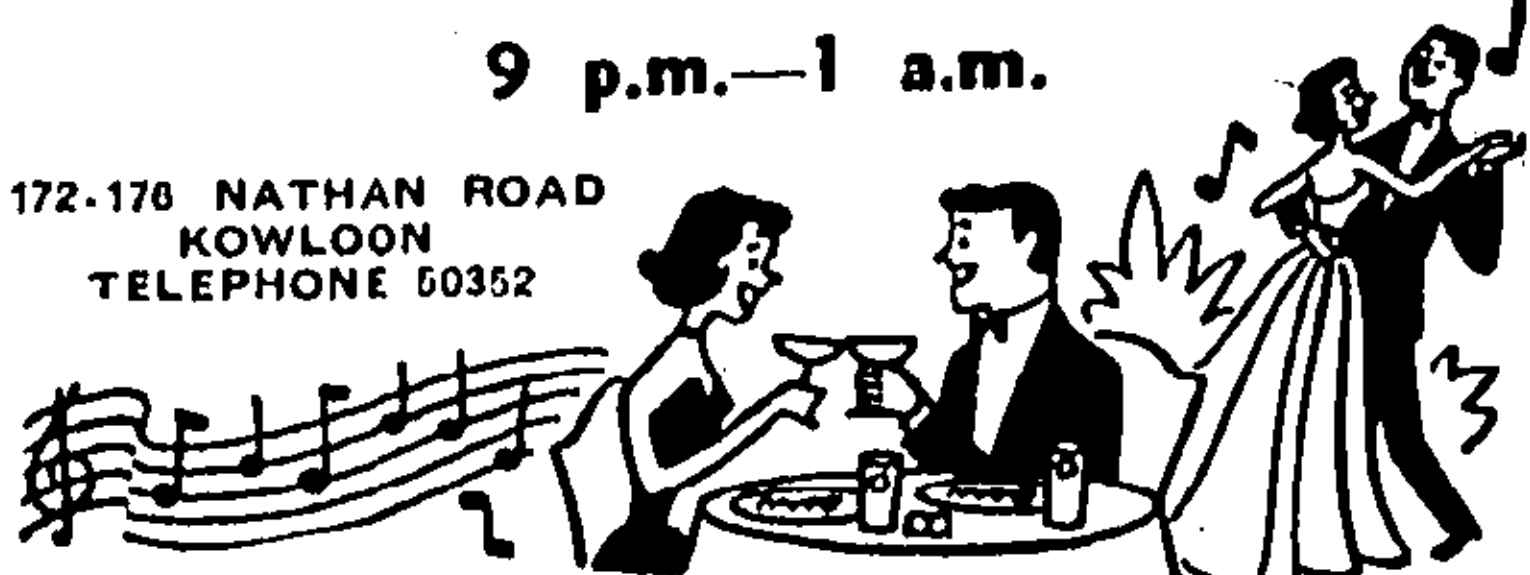
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## REPORT ON THE ATOM . . . . CHAPTER 7

# ATOMIC FIRE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

By Gordon Dean

Chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, 1950-53

OUT of the welter of words that have been spoken and written about atomic weapons, I will try to bring some sense. In the perspective of the historic trends previously discussed, the following facts and conclusions seem to me to be pertinent:

1. Two atomic bombs have been detonated in war. The power of these bombs has been officially disclosed. Each was equivalent to about 20,000 tons of TNT.

2. The effects of these bombs, which were detonated in the air above the target, are well known. Of the casualties, most were due to such secondary effects as flying debris and induced fires, as has been the case in all other high-explosive bombing attacks.

These effects can be minimised by civil defence measures. Of the direct effects of the bombs, the most important, from the standpoint of casualties, was heat, next blast, last radiation. All these can be minimised by effective civil defence measures, including particularly the deployment of the population from the target area.

It is known that the other effect of an atomic attack, the deposition of radioactive dust particles, was not very important at either Hiroshima or Nagasaki. The towns were re-occupied shortly after the attacks without harm to those returning.

### Lethal Effect

3. It has been learned from postwar tests and calculations that the area of damage resulting from an A-bomb explosion is substantially reduced in the case of underground or under-water detonations, and that the lethal effect or residual radioactivity is substantially increased.

Total casualties might be greater or smaller depending upon a number of factors, such as disposition of the population, location of the detonation, wind direction, size of the effect of residual radioactivity, and so on. The activity, however, like the other effects, can be minimised by effective civil defence measures (such as evacuation of contaminated areas, removal of contaminated clothing, consumption of foodstuffs that have been protected by

containers, and decontamination of surfaces with detergents, soups and water)

4. Of the atomic detonations since World War II to which unofficial observers, including representatives of the press, have been admitted, all have been in the energy range of from 75 percent of the force of the Hiroshima blast to about double that force. This, then, is the power range with which the world is most familiar. The U.S. Government, however, has announced that it possesses bombs many times more powerful than those used in World War II.

5. It is well known that the United States is developing a variety of atomic weapons designed to meet a wide range of target situations. The U.S. Government has said that: "we are working towards the day when we will have atomic weapons in almost as complete a variety as we have conventional ones, that is, in the form of artillery shells, guided missiles, naval weapons, very large bombs for use against big targets, and smaller bombs for use against smaller targets."

### Two Tests

6. It has been announced that two tests in connection with the development of the H-bomb have been held, and that progress has been sufficient for the U.S. Government to say that "we have entered another stage in the world-shaking development of atomic energy."

7. Soviet Russia, our hostile competitor, is also in the business of manufacturing atomic weapons, and has been since 1949. This does constitute a threat. Although we obviously hold a substantial lead over the Soviets, this is hardly an effective means of preventing them from accumulating enough bombs to deliver a knock-out blow against us.

8. Taking world progress in atomic weapons manufacture and development into account, it is no longer realistic to think of such weapons as something so rare and expensive that they will necessarily have to be expended one at a time, or that their explosive power will bear some fixed relationship to the bomb we have known in the past. Atomic weapons are absolute weapons, whether the target is a supply dump, a regiment, or a whole nation.

The only realistic way to plan our defence, therefore, including civil defence, is to assume that atomic weapons, if used against us at all, will be used in sufficient quantity and size to destroy thoroughly whatever target they are aimed at. The effects would probably be of the same type as those resulting from the blasts at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but the degree might well be very different. As the Russian military leaders have said, "the atomic bomb is a new type of weapon, and it is not possible to protect against it by any means known to us."

atomic weapon strength. In my opinion, this has been sufficient to deter them from any full-scale aggression which they may have planned for the continents of Europe and Asia. It follows that if we would continue to deter them we must remain strong. It does not follow, however, that we need ten to one, or even one to one, in atomic bombs (forever—certainly not if deterrence is our primary objective, as indeed it should be).

### Weapons Goal

Simply stating "ahead" of the Russians, or even "far ahead" of them, is not the goal. The weapons goal for the United States should be a sizable stockpile, no matter what the Russian stockpile may be. Deterrence is accomplished when a sizable number is reached, for "sizable" means that point where an enemy, calculating the risk of retaliation, says to himself: "No matter how many atomic bombs I may be able to deliver on the cities and on the industrial and military targets of the United States and its allies, I simply cannot afford to take the punishment which retaliation would bring."

The Russian military and political leaders no doubt made this calculation several times in the days prior to 1949, that is, before they had any bombs, and concluded that they could not take the retaliation which all-out aggression would bring upon them. In the days since then, with a few bombs, they have obviously reached the same conclusion.

Probably the most widely discussed subject in atomic energy, after "the bomb," is something we have come to call "atomic power." The word "atomic power," when used in connection with the peaceful utilisation of the atom, generally means but one thing—heat. Most of the energy released in a controlled nuclear chain reaction appears in the form of heat, just as the energy in, say, a coal fire, which is a chemical chain reaction, also appears in this form.

### Differences

In a sense, it would be entirely correct to describe a controlled nuclear chain reaction as a nuclear "fire" in which atomic "fuels" (called fissionable materials) are "burned" (fissioned) to produce heat for useful purposes. As in the case of a chemical fire, "ashes" (called fission products) are left over after the nuclear fire has been extinguished.

Although a nuclear fire resembles a chemical fire in that heat is produced and ashes remain, that is about the end of the similarity. Furthermore, there are a number of striking differences:

1. The quantity of heat produced by a nuclear fire is many times greater than that of a chemical fire. A pound of atomic fuel, uranium-235, if burned in a nuclear way, will release 2,000,000 times the amount of heat produced from burning a pound of coal. This, of course, is the great appeal of atomic power, and the one single fact that makes the whole difficult game worth the gamble.

2. Whereas, for all practical purposes, a chemical fire can exist only in an atmosphere in which oxygen is present, a nuclear fire can exist only in an atmosphere made up of billions of the incredibly small, invisible atomic fragments called neutrons. A nuclear fire, therefore, "feeds" on neutrons. But neutrons not only cause atoms to fission; they themselves are produced by the fission process. Thus a nuclear fire itself creates the means by which it is propagated.

The fire is controlled, therefore, by controlling the number of neutrons it has access to, much as one can control it. Neutrons are so important to atomic energy that some people call the programme "the neutron business."

### Thick Shield

3. A nuclear fire, unlike a chemical fire, is invisible. In burning, it creates large amounts of invisible nuclear radiations, similar to X-rays, which are dangerous to humans and damaging to certain types of materials. For this reason, as we have seen, a nuclear fire must be surrounded by a thick shield of lead or concrete or water to seal in this dangerous radioactivity.

In addition, the ashes left over from a nuclear fire remain "hot" in a radioactive sense for very long periods of time and must therefore be handled with the utmost care.

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(Tomorrow: What has been done already and some of the sensational things that may be accomplished by atomic power).

### POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Don't blame me! The Army Council only issued them, after exhaustive tests, in the interests of overall standardisation of NATO equipment."

## Donat steps in to close the £50,000 gap

by HAROLD CONWAY

THE country vicar whom I greeted at Ealing Studios. I looked around him contentedly and said: "My, it's good to be back. It's even better to be on the pay-roll once more."

I assured him that cinema-goers—a nearly said parishioners—throughout the land would endorse those sentiments. For the clerical collar and slightly shabby overcoat came from the studio wardrobe; greyish tints in his usually rich-brown hair, the deep wrinkles on cheeks and forehead were examples of the make-up man's art.

Behind the gentle parsonical facade was Robert Donat, once Britain's most popular screen actor, beginning his first picture for nearly three years.

### Lost salary

During that interval Donat has been kept from the studios by the ill-health which has persistently dogged his acting career. It is an interval which must have cost him £50,000 in lost salaries, since a star in the Donat class can easily earn £10,000 per picture.

"My funniest performance, they tell me, will never be seen," he says. "It was my test for 'Hobson's Choice,' and it still makes the director, David Lean, laugh. But I got ill again just after the test—so John Mills was given the role. Ah, well, I expect he'll be even funnier." To offset that £50,000 loss Donat can put his month's engagement at the Old Vic last year—at the top Vic salary of £45 a week; plus a few radio and recording performances. Also, of course, he is one high-ranking star who has not been piling up arrears of surtax.

### Extra appeal

Starting again at 49 (his birthday comes next month), Donat retains that little extra appeal—half-whimsical, half-wistful—which the other British actors have not got. In his come-back picture, called "Lease of Life," Donat is playing—with a well-haired Adrienne Corri for his lively daughter—a Yorkshire village parson who is under a doctor's sentence of death. Given the chance of preaching a sermon in the cathedral of a nearby city, he throws away his notes on impulse—and starts the congregation with a lusty philosophy of life.

The sermon hits the front pages of the national papers; the vicarage becomes a scandal centre. Perhaps we might subtitle this film "The Reverend Mr Chips."

Shall we see Mr Donat, our most golden-voiced actor, back on the London stage this year? He doubts it; the important thing for him is to catch up with the kind of money only film studios can pay.

In an adjoining set at Ealing was Donat's actress-wife, Renee Asherson, whom he married last year. She is filming by day, acting in a West End theatre by night.

"Yes, I've put the missus out to work in a big way," says Mr Donat cheerfully. "I can't remember the name of her film; it takes all my time to memorise my own lines after this lack of practice. But the main thing is that she brings home a wage packet, too, each Friday night. It's wonderful."



ROBERT DONAT  
"A gentle, parsonical facade."

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A NEW treatment for black eyes is outmoding the raw-beetsteak method. An injection of a colourless liquid into the skin rapidly disperses the damaged blood which gives a bruised eye its colour.

The "loveliest" black eye should now be cleared up in 24 hours, doctors claim. The injection contains a powerful substance called hyaluronidase, which speeds the movement of fluids in the tissues.

The fact that only a doctor can give the injection is a disadvantage compared with the steak method, but nowadays it is cheaper to go to the doctor than waste the steak.

### ATOM-CHEAT

★ THE latest atom-smashing machine has surprised scientists by yielding far more energy than it should. So it has been named the swindlertron.

### ONE FOR THE ROAD

★ NEW tests for suspected drunkenness in drivers may be adopted by the police following a year's work by a panel of leading chemical analysts.

The panel, headed by Dr D. W. Kent-Jones, was set up at the request of the British Medical Association, which is soon to issue a report on "The Recognition of Intoxication."

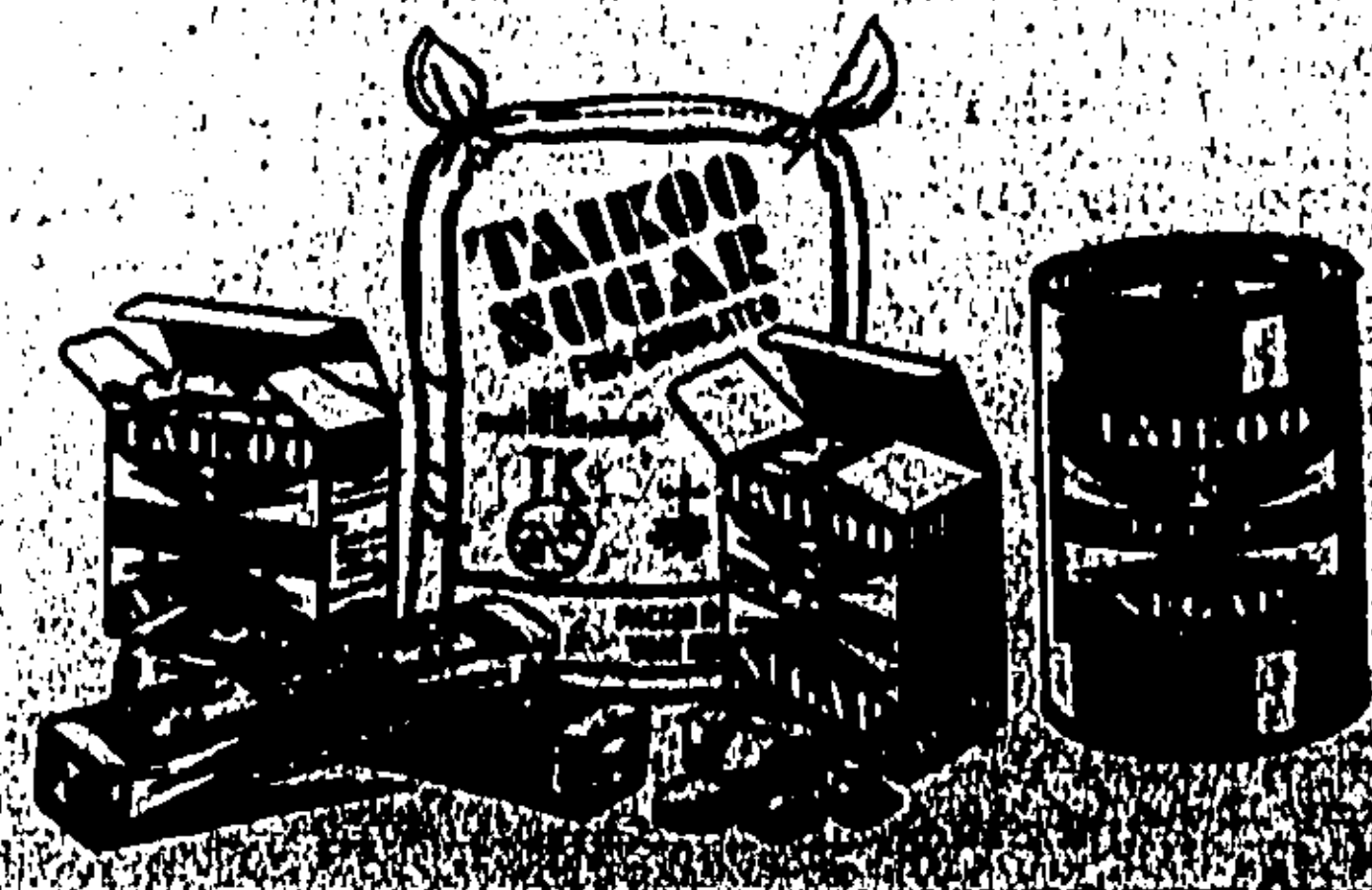
It recommends that two tests involving analysis of blood taken from suspected drivers should be officially adopted by police laboratories throughout Britain. Such tests might detect the "sub-intoxicated" driver who is sober enough to walk chalk lines and say tongue-twisters but is still too much under the influence of alcohol to drive safely.

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# ARMY'S POSITION AT TOP OF THE TABLE RECEIVES A SEVERE SETBACK

By LM. MacTAVISH

The Army's position at the top of the league table received a severe setback at the Club Stadium yesterday when they were beaten by a solitary goal scored by Sing Tao's Ho Cheung-yau mid-way through the first half.

The soldiers were a tired looking side for most of the game and it is obvious that some of the players are being asked to play in too many matches to allow them to maintain their edge.

In this game the Tigers appeared to be yards faster and lasted the pace of the play much better although there were times when they were hard put to it to keep their goal intact.

When the going was hottest the experience of Hau Yung-sang and Honniball was very much in evidence and the Sing Tao boys owed a lot to the stout defence of these two fine players.

The game never rose above very ordinary standards but

the tactics of the Tigers in giving the ball plenty of boot and hoping that Ho Cheung-yau would snatch a goal paid a dividend that in the end added up to two valuable points.

## PLANNED AND SCORED

The goal that settled the issue was planned and scored by their brilliant young inside-left who gave Wingfield a most uncomfortable afternoon. The ball was pushed through to him, and with a neat body away he sent the defenders running the

wrong way, so giving himself just enough room to swing his left foot and crash the ball wide of Granger's right hand.

The soldiers should have levelled the score soon afterwards, but Bennett got too much angle on a well placed cross from Lunn and his header slipped away just a fraction wide of the post.

After the interval the Army staged many massed attacks in an attempt to save the game but apart from Reeves, who played brilliantly, and Bennett there was no forward capable of carrying the ball through the resolute hard tackling Sing Tao defence. The game developed into one long attack on the Tigers' goal but there was more danger in the lightning breakaways of the Sing Tao forwards than in all the sustained pressure that the Army exerted at the other end.

For the winners Hau Yung-sang, Sik Pei-yin, Honniball, Ho Cheung-yau were the men who mattered most in collecting the two points for a team that never stopped or slackened their efforts.

In a sadly disappointing Army side only Granger, Buckley, Wells, Reeves and Bennett seemed capable of raising a gallop although newcomer Lunn showed that he has speed and distinct possibilities.

Wingfield, Middleton and Chase were right off form and there must be more than one position that is causing considerable concern to the officials of the team.

**VERDICT:** This defeat just about blunts the Army's last hope of winning the Championship... but on this occasion they were beaten by a side that was both faster and fitter. Sing Tao looked a better side than they have done for weeks and they deserved their victory. Army must find an answer to the heavy calls that are being made on their players who have looked leg weary and heavy-footed for several games.

## GRINDA AND DAVIES IN THE FINAL

Manila, Feb. 25.

France's Jean Noel Grinda and Britain's Michael Davies headed their way to the doubles final in the current junior invitational net tournament here yesterday with an easy conquest of the Philippine pair, Ruben Escobar and Manda Elizalde, by a score of 6-3 and 6-2.

In the doubles final tomorrow, Grinda and Davies will meet the brothers Johnny and Guillermo Jose, the latter a former Philippine Junior Champion whom the French Junior Champion is likely to meet in the singles final.

But for his over-confidence, Grinda could have won his match with Eddie Dunge yesterday. Grinda lost the first set 4-6 but managed to win the second 6-3. Their match was stopped by darkness, and the third set will be played today. Dunge is the third seeded local entry.—France-Press.

## Early Mist Not In This Year's Steeplechase

Dublin, Feb. 25.

Mr Joe Griffin's Early Mist, winner of last year's Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree, and one-time favourite for this year's race, will not run in the event which takes place on March 27.

Early Mist was reported injured earlier this week.

Vincent O'Brien, his trainer, is very disappointed that Early Mist cannot make a bid for the Royal Ascot.

Byron Marshall will now ride Royal Ascot who is of the same ownership and trained in the same stable as Early Mist. Royal Ascot is a two-year-old colt who won the 1953 Grand National Steeplechase.

## SCUNTHORPE v. PORTSMOUTH



Gill, the Portsmouth goalie, punches away from Whitfield of Scunthorpe in this goalmouth melee also involving Wilson of Portsmouth and Haig of Scunthorpe in the fourth round Cup tie replay at the Arsenal Stadium.

## Let Jack Gardner Fight His Old Pal Williams

Says DESMOND HACKETT

Why such a jolly chap as Joe Jacobs should persist in the ulcer-growing business of fight promoting is beyond me.

Jovial Joe has a tavern in the bustling city of Leicester. That would be sufficient to satisfy most chaps. But not Joe.

Now he finds himself with such handsome heavyweights as Jack Gardner and Johnny Williams all signed up for his next show, but he cannot find anyone to fight them.

Such names as Trinidad technician Ansell Adams and the rugged Austrian Kurt Schlegel were suggested as just the men to take on the comeback boy, Jack Gardner.

When John Simpson, way out in South Africa, heard such suggestions he phoned back: "Nothing doing. Wait until I get back."

Manager Simpson is anxious that Gardner should return the gentle way. A fine thing for Manager Simpson and an excellent scheme of things for Gardner.

**IT'S EASY MONEY**  
But what about the cash customer? He is entitled to a fight for his money. Why not let him have a real fight and put in Gardner and Williams to decide who fights Don Cockell for his British and Empire titles?

I can hear the squeals from the camps of Cockell and Gardner. Naturally they want to carry on picking up easy cheques for appearances against hand-picked opponents.

Probably both these farming fighters remember that July night at Leicester in 1950 when Williams was battered into exhaustion by Gardner in the most brutal fight I ever saw.

Williams finished up in hospital and Gardner looked as though he had walked straight into a bus.

But, after all, fighting is a tough occupation. The going is hard, but the reward for the top men is middling handsome.

The margin between Cockell, Williams and Gardner is as slim as a fly-weight. Let us sort the thing neatly out and give the fight fans the break they deserve.

I insist that it be Gardner v. Williams... and please excuse me while I duck.

## TIERED OF DUCKING

And, on the point of ducking, a man who is sick and tired of dodging the blows is wee George Raynor, who trained Sweden's Soccer team which held Hungary to a draw which he has been holidaying in these parts and tells me: "I'm sick and tired of hearing about the Hungary match."

## Strong Emphasis On Youth In Australian Touring Tennis Team

Sydney, Feb. 25.

A strong emphasis on youth marks the seven-man team of Australians chosen to play tennis overseas from May to September this year.

The tour is old stuff for Lewis Hoad and Ken Rosewall, 19-year-old "twins" who clinched the Davis Cup for Australia when they won the final two singles matches of the Challenge Round at Kooyong, Melbourne, in December. Mervyn Rose and Rex Hartwig are also known in Europe and the United States.

But the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, following the phenomenal success of its "babes" Hoad and Rosewall, picked three more youngsters to gain experience overseas in 1954.

They chose Neale Fraser, 20-year-old Melbourne left-hander, Roy Emerson, 18-year-old Brisbane junior star, and Ashley Cooper, 17, of Melbourne to make up the biggest Aussie tennis troupe to travel abroad. They reaffirmed their faith in Harry Hopman's wizardry touch by naming the shrewd tennis ring-master as manager.

## THE "BABY"

Cooper, "baby" of the team, is the same age as Hoad and Rosewall were when they made their first trip abroad in 1952. This husky six foot-one Mel-

bourne boy packs a "power game" behind a killing service. His service and fine backhand first attracted attention about 18 months ago in Melbourne Inter-club and schoolboy tournaments.

Handicapped by a thumb injury, Cooper pulled out of the pre-Davis Cup state tournaments in New South Wales and Victoria. He made his mark, however, in the National Championships at White City, Sydney, which rounded off the Australian season.

He virtually clinched this trip when he knocked out Clive Wilderspin in the first round. Wilderspin, ironically enough, himself earned a place in last year's team when he beat Hoad in the 1953 national championships.

Cooper followed up this surprise victory by downing former national junior champion Billy Gilmour. And before he was through he put up a grim quarter-final battle against Rex Hartwig, who got to the final against Mervyn Rose.

Cooper finished high school last December and planned to become a teacher like his father. He has now decided to postpone his enrolment in Melbourne Teachers' College for 12 months.

Aussie tennis critics have high hopes for Cooper, whom they have dubbed a "new Hoad". Anxiously looking for a Davis Cup singles man as an alternative for unpredictable Rosewall, they think Cooper may turn out to be the boy they're looking for in another year or two.

## QUEENSLAND "FIND"

Emerson, the proud "find" of Queensland tennis officials, got his first big break when he was included in the Davis Cup training squad for last year's Challenge Round.

The Queenslanders thought they had something when they came up with Ian Ayre a couple of years ago. He bothered both Seixas and Trabert in the 1951 season, but his star petered out fast.

"We didn't get Ian young enough," commented the tennis officials. He was 23 when they sent him to Wimbledon in 1952.

Emerson lost when he played England's Billy Knight in the National Junior Championship final. He showed a tremendous amount of promise in other matches, though he didn't score any surprise victories. He has a smooth style, good service and can cover a tennis court like greased lightning.

Fraser is the son of the Victorian Minister for Labour. He has been one of the top juniors in Melbourne for years, but never got the breaks on the big stuff. He broke into the lime-light, however, when he gave Lewis Hoad a bad shock at the Victorian Singles Championship. He took the first two sets of their second round clash, 6-4, 6-4, and led 4-2 in the third before Hoad pulled his socks up and got himself out of trouble.

In the National Championships Fraser fought for every point before Seixas subdued him 9-7, 6-0, 7-5.

Fraser plays a hard game. He slams down a twisting left-handed service and races to the net for punishing volleys and fierce smashes. He has a deadly "loop-the-loop" forehand drive which he hits high, with a lot of top-spin.

Fraser showed his worth as a doubles player when he partnered Wilderspin against Seixas and Trabert in the National Doubles semi-final. The youngsters, with Fraser dominating, never relaxed their attack until they ousted the American Davis Cup doubles winners, 6-4, 12-10, 10-8.

With a man like Hopman in charge of the team, each of the seven Australians is likely to improve on the coming tour. They may not improve as spectacularly as Hoad and Hartwig did last year, but four months under Hopman's strict tennis regime usually pays off.

Aussie experts even give the older Rose and Hartwig room for further improvement. Rose especially may blossom out after clinching the National Championships—his first major Australian title in four years of big tennis.—United Press.

## Kurt Nielsen Beaten In Straight Sets

Miami, Feb. 25.

Temperamental Kurt Nielsen of Copenhagen suffered a surprising upset today in the third round of the Miami Invitational Tennis Championships.

Unseeded Al Harum, a University of Miami sophomore, whipped the Danish ace in straight sets, 7-5, 6-3. Harum broke through the Dane's service in the first game to set a steady pace that lasted throughout the match.

Nielsen complained several times that Harum, last year's National Junior Indoor Champion, was foot-faulting and showed his impatience at the time Harum took in relaying the balls and getting ready to serve.

"STALLING TACTICS"  
"Harum threw me off my game with his stalling tactics," Nielsen said later. Harum cracked through Nielsen's service in the ninth and deciding game of the second set, scoring on skimming placements and passing shots. Harum also was stronger than usual with his powerful service.

Fourth-seeded Sven Davidson of Stockholm, Sweden, registered two easy victories. Davidson, who beat Nielsen for the indoor title in New York on Monday, beat Gerry Slobin of the University of Miami, 6-8, 6-4, 6-3, in a second round match halted by darkness last night.

He then went on to beat Cal Ragan of Gastonia, North Carolina, 6-2, 6-4. Lorne Main of Vancouver, Canada, defeated Orlando Garrido of Havana, Cuba, 6-2, 6-3, to move into the quarter-final.—United Press.

## Indians Beat Malaya 13-0

Singapore, Feb. 25.

The Indian Hockey Federation touring team scored its eighth consecutive win at Ipoh today by trouncing the Federation of Malaya team by 13 goals to nil. But for the gallant efforts of the home goalkeeper the score might have been considerably bigger.

The Indian team's goalkeeper, Ram Prakash, did not have a chance to do much with the ball except once during the 70 minutes of play.

As usual, the top scorer was the Indian captain, Balbir Singh, who got five goals. Paraj Gopal and Sushinathan had three goals each. Eight of the goals were scored in the second half.—France-Press.

## ENGLAND 401 FOR 8 AT GEORGETOWN

Georgetown, British Guiana, Feb. 25.

England were 401 for eight at close of play on the second day of the third Test against the West Indies here today.

## THE SCOREBOARD

England, 1st Innings

W. Watson, c. Ramadhin	12
L. Hutton, c. Worrell	1
Ramadhin	109
P. May, lbw b. Atkinson	12
D. Compton, c. Stollmeyer	6
Atkinson	0
T. Cravenby, b. Ramadhin	38
Wardle, b. Ramadhin	40
T. Bailey, not out	19
Evans, lbw b. Atkinson	27
J. Laker, b. Valentine	0
A. Lock, not out	20
Extras	20
Total (for eight wickets)	401

Fall of wickets: 1/33; 2/76; 3/226; 4/227; 5/306; 6/321; 7/350; 8/390.

## Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Gomez	32	0	75	0
Worrell	10	0	33	0
Ramadhin	62	31	102	4
Valentine	30	16	88	1
Atkinson	68	27	78	3
Stollmeyer	2	1	3	0
Walcott	2	0	2	0

Byes: 18; no-balls 2.—Reuter.

## HOME SOCCER

London, Feb. 25.  
Charlton Athletic and Newcastle United played to a goalless draw in a First Division League match today.

This match was arranged from last Saturday February 20, as Newcastle United were engaged in the FA Cup.

The Rotherham United-Doncaster Rovers League "A" match, originally rearranged for today, was postponed until April 29.—Reuter.

## Hongkong Girls Win Again In Manila

Manila, Feb. 25.

The visiting Hongkong YMCA girls basketball team last night ended its Manila series with a convincing 28-18 victory over the local champions, the St. Stephen's quintet, in its 11th appearance here.

Last night's game was the tenth victory in 11 games for the visitors. In the tenth game they tied with the Manila Chinese Interporters 30-31.

Last Wednesday the Hongkong girls scored their ninth win over the Manila Tigers by 32-28. The star of the Hongkong team was W. K. Lee, whom the local guards simply just could not stop. She scored ten points.

The Hongkong players will return home by plane tomorrow after their very successful Manila visit.—France-Press.

## ARMY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Army inter-unit team athletic championships for Minor and Major Units will be held today and tomorrow respectively.

On both days the championships will start at 10.30 a.m. and the band of the 1st Battalion will be in attendance during the lunch, noon and afternoon.

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# NOTICE

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

### Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday the 6th day of March, 1954, at Noon for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1953, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 10th of February to Friday, the 6th of March, 1954, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,  
MICHAEL W. TURNER,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th Jan., 1954.

# NOTICE

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Hongkong, 22nd February, 1954.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
P. W. A. WOOD,  
Secretary & Chief Accountant.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1954.

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